

REMARKS

Applicants note that submitted herewith is a Petition for Extension of Time to extend the response time for two months and a check which includes the required fee. With the granting of this Petition, the time period in which to submit a timely response to the Examiner's communication in regard to sequence listing will be extended to January 17, 2001.

Also submitted herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement.

The specification has been amended to update the current status of parent application U.S.S.N. 08/809,455 which issued as a United States Patent after the present application was filed.

Claims 1 to 20 have been cancelled without prejudice.

New claims 270 to 282 have been added to more particularly point out and distinctly claim aspects of the present invention. Applicants submit that these claims are clearly enabled and give rise to no issue of new matter. See, e.g., the specification at page 12, lines 37 to 41; page 29, line 26 to page 33, line 13; and page 70, lines 15 to 38.

Applicants submit that the new claims are patentable over the art of record and give rise to no issue of new matter.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would expedite prosecution of this application, he is encouraged to telephone the undersigned Applicants' attorney.

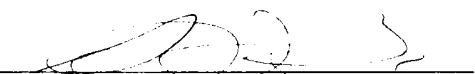
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If the fees submitted are incorrect or if any other fees are due in connection with this submission, please charge any fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-2475.

Respectfully submitted,

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